

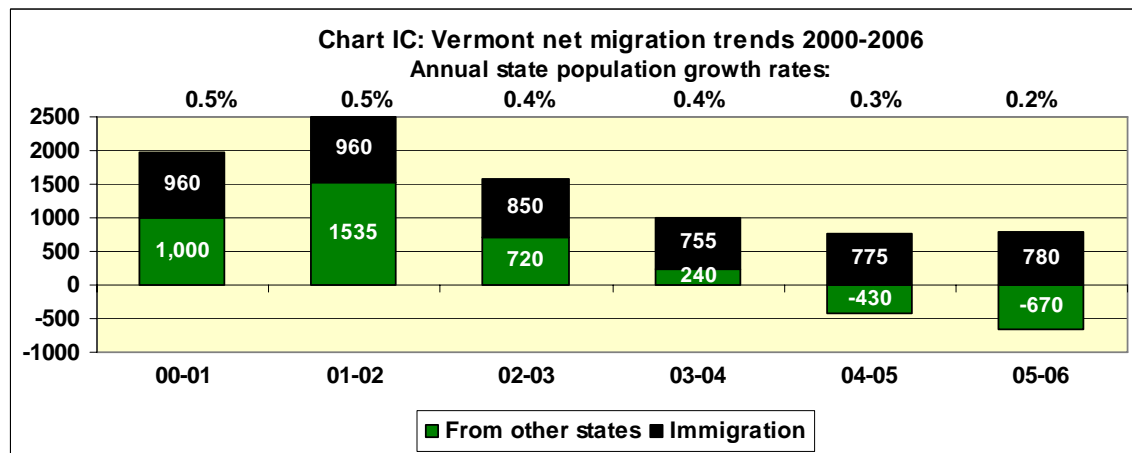
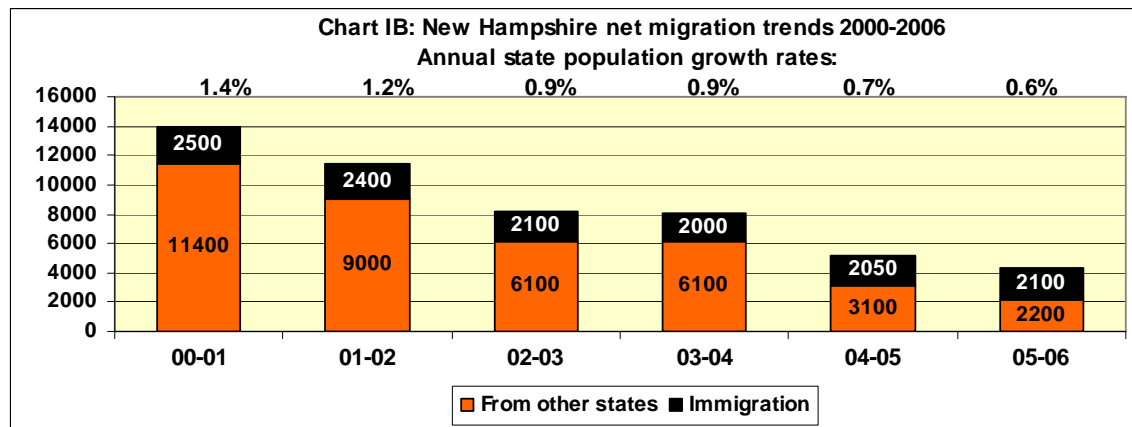
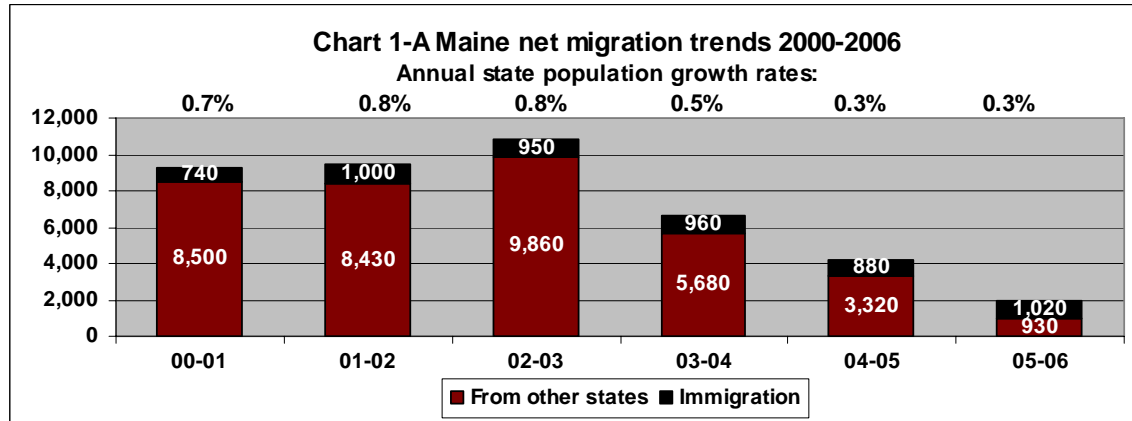
Northern New England Demographic Trends

Report for Northeast Delta Dental

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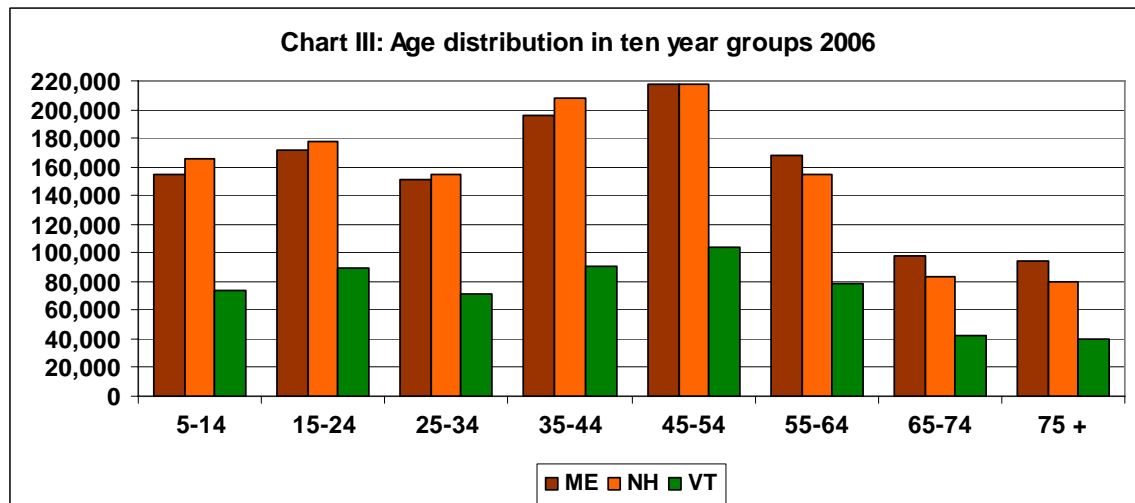
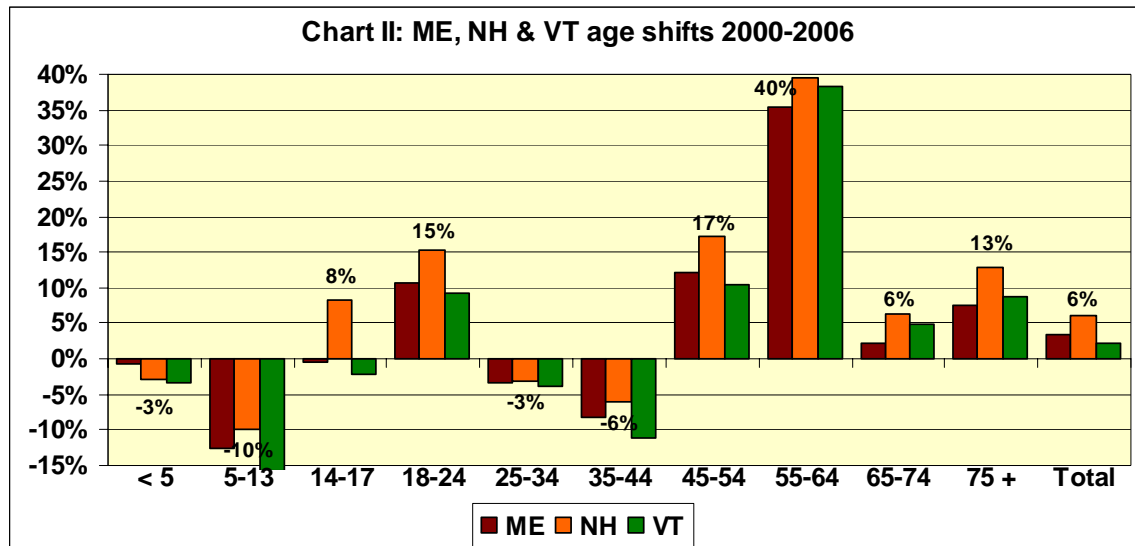
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- Growth in year-round residents is slowing throughout Northern New England



Regional aging trends:

- Median ages 2006: ME 41.1 (Rank: 1st), VT 40.4 (2nd), NH 39.4 (6th) US: 36.4
- Median ages 1990: ME 33.8 (Rank: 8th), VT 32.9 (25th), NH 32.7 (31st) US: 32.8
- New Hampshire and Vermont have been two of the most rapidly aging states



Source for all charts: US Census Bureau

Implications: The most critical issue for all three states in the near term is how to stop the heavy out-migration of young people and re-balance the age distribution of the workforce. The key to this is shifting incentives from older to younger people.